

IT WAS NOT A SURPRISE

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DEATH DID NOT COME UNEXPECTED.

"I Don't Believe Mr. Hendricks Will Serve Out the First Year of His Official Life. Few People Know His Physical Condition"—Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The announcement of the death of Vice President Hendricks was not a surprise to some of his most intimate friends here. Indeed, some of them predicted his early death some time ago, and no one realized more fully than the vice president himself his frail physical condition. He remarked to his private secretary some time ago that he believed he had discerned symptoms of apoplexy of the heart, and that when he died it would be of that affection. A short time after the inauguration of President Cleveland, and while there were a number of prominent Hoosier Democrats in the city, a Democratic state senator, who had been on intimate personal terms with Mr. Hendricks for many years, said in conversation with a reporter:

"I don't believe Mr. Hendricks will serve out the first year of his official life. Few people know his physical condition. His life hangs on the most tender thread at this moment. That gangrene difficulty has poisoned his blood. It has been taken up to his brain, has destroyed his nervous system, and he is liable to drop dead at any moment from paralysis, apoplexy or one of a dozen troubles of the brain or heart. Really he has not the physical or mental strength that a vice president should have. His mind is clear and strong except at intervals when he is momentarily beclouded, and loses all control of himself. I have frequently seen him fall asleep while in a conversation of the most animated character. When seated with a number of friends, or in the chair of a presiding officer he is liable at any moment to go to sleep or drop into a mental abstraction which makes him wholly oblivious to all that is occurring about him. There is not one chance in three that he will live a year, and not one in twenty that he will serve out his term."

Although very loth to speak upon the subject, the vice president's private secretary intimated that the condition of Mr. Hendricks, since his recent introduction into political life, was of the character above indicated. He said the vice president had lived in constant apprehension of death from affection of the heart.

Commissioner of Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The first annual report of Commissioner of Pensions Black shows that at the end of the fiscal year, there were 345,125 pensioners on the roll of whom 2,945 were survivors of the war of 1812, and 17,212 widows of those who served in that war.

The amount paid for pensions was \$54,978,495, and the average value of each pension was \$10.30. During the year the net increase to the pension roll was 23,369 names, and an increase in the value of \$8,069,833. There were paid out \$37,363 on account of arrears of pensions. Since 1861, 968,840 claims for pensions have been presented, of which number 530,897 have been allowed, aggregating in value \$744,049,541. The report shows that of the whole number of invalid claims filed, 53 per cent. have been allowed.

Of the widows, 65 per cent.; dependent mothers, 56 per cent., and of dependent fathers' claims filed, 29 per cent. have been allowed, and of the aggregate of all classes filed 57 per cent. have been denied.

Commissioner Black recommends that an increased pension be allowed in cases of total deafness; that the act of March 3, 1885, be extended to soldiers and sailors while in line of duty who lost an arm above the elbow joint, or a leg above the knee joint; that pension agents be authorized to use "penalty envelopes" for their official correspondence under restrictions and penalties of existing laws; that three new law clerks be allowed for the pension appeal board, and that fire proof shelves be erected for preserving the records of the office. Commissioner Black also submits a plan for preventing the issuance of checks to fraudulent pensioners.

Here's a Hard One.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Gen. Nat. S. Lane, of Philadelphia, presented President Cleveland resolutions adopted by Meade Post, G. A. R., setting forth that Gen. Henry S. Halleck, a comrade of that post, a Union soldier who had lost an arm in the service, and been removed from the position of postmaster at Philadelphia, without as far as they knew, any just cause. They, therefore, asked the president whether, in the absence of charges affecting a wounded soldier's official character or ability, such removal was not contrary to the spirit that has and should pervade executive departments.

Turkeys.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Chief Clerk Hogg, of the navy department, was busy issuing checks to the employees on which was printed the following: "The secretary of the navy has arranged to deliver a Thanksgiving turkey to any officer or employee of the department who will avail of the courtesy."

"By direction of the secretary,
J. W. Hogg, Chief Clerk."

Alabama Finis.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The last twenty-six cases on the docket of the court of Alabama claims were set down for final hearing. Owing to the absence of Gen. Creswell, on account of the death of his mother, the cases assigned to him were undertaken by Walker Blaine, assistant counsel, and were all disposed of and taken under advisement. The court adjourned until Friday next.

For Poisoning.

BOSTON, Nov. 27.—Annie Lyons was arraigned charged with the recent attempt to poison the Parker family by putting arsenic in the flour. She was held for trial December 30.

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